

February 25, 2010

North Carolina Military and Overseas Voters, Submit your Ballot Request for the May 4, 2010 State Primary!

North Carolina will hold its State primary election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. If you are eligible to vote in this election, and requested and received a ballot for the November 4, 2008 presidential election, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot, and need not take any further action unless your mailing address has changed.

Register to Vote

Registration is required for all Uniformed Service members, eligible dependents, and overseas citizens. You will be registered if your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is received by the local election office by May 3, 2010.

Request Your Ballot

If you do not have one on file, you need to fill out an absentee ballot request as soon as possible. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) ballot application and instructions are available at www.fvap.gov.

Send your FPCA NOW to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot! The online version of the FPCA and North Carolina's instructions on how to fill out and submit the form are available at: <http://www.fvap.gov/FPCA/fpca-nc.html>.

If you are not a registered voter, your FPCA must be received by May 3, 2010. Although the registration deadline and the ballot request deadline are May 3, 2010, this date does not take into account mail delivery times required to receive and return your ballot by Election Day. You should not wait to complete and submit your FPCA, especially if you are completing the process by mail from an overseas location.

You may fax or email your request for an absentee ballot. It is recommended that you fax or email the form directly to your local election official (fax numbers and email addresses can be found on the North Carolina State Board of Elections website at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/content.aspx?id=13>).

Receive and Return Your Ballot

Local election officials send overseas ballots approximately 50 days before the election. Ballots for this election will be sent out March 15, 2010. If you are overseas and want to receive your blank ballot by fax or email, you must mark this preference on your FPCA or personally contact your local Supervisor of Elections office by email or phone. Otherwise, the ballot will be mailed to you.

Recommended Mailing Dates for Your Voted Ballot

Although the deadline for your voted ballot to be received by the local election official is 5 pm, May 4, 2010, you should mail your ballot by the following dates to account for mail delivery times.

- * From Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom Locations/Deployed Navy Vessels: April 6, 2010
- * From Other Overseas Military Installations: April 13, 2010
- * From Other Overseas Locations: April 6, 2010 (or earlier, depending on foreign mail service)
- * From Within the United States: April 27, 2010

To make sure your ballot arrives by the deadline, vote and return your ballot IMMEDIATELY upon receiving it! To save transit time if you are overseas, return your voted ballot by fax as provided in the instructions accompanying your absentee ballot.

Additional information

For more information, go to the Florida election website at: <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/or> visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

We want your feedback! If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.ncr.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.